

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**APPLICANT:** Frank A. Howell                      **GROUP:** 3677  
**SERIAL NO:** 10/822,549                      **EXAMINER:** Ruth C. Rodriguez  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

Following the office action mailed on May 30, 2007 and further to the Supplemental Amendment filed on April 11, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows: